

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever been the victim of favoritism, prejudice or racism? How?
2. How would the Gospel be affected if the Bible taught God favored only some?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read James 2:1. "Glory" indicates "weight" or "importance." How does Jesus' importance compare with the differences in importance society assigns to one person over another?
4. Read James 2:2-4. James identified wealth as a discriminating factor. What other means do people use?
5. Read James 2:8-9. Is James calling for polite ushering or something more? What?
6. Read James 2:10-11. Why does James elevate the magnitude of the sin of

favoritism? What effect should this have on you?

7. Read James 2:12-13. Why is it hypocritical to speak and act prejudicially?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10. Christians aren't judged to determine entrance into heaven, but for rewards. What part does James say mercy will play in your judgment?

LIVING IT OUT

9. How does showing favoritism reveal what we *really* believe about God?
10. How can Christians identify prejudices that are blind spots?
11. It's sometimes harder to be impartial toward sinners who flaunt their sin, rather than confess it. With what group do you struggle to show love? How can group members pray for and help you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism."

- James 2:1

